THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Central Technical Examiner's Organisation of the Central Vigilance Commission had referred to the DDA certain lapses regarding the disposal of rock obtained from excavation, etc.; investigations into which are being made by an Investigating Committee of the D.D.A.

Review of Demand and Supply System of Fertilizer

733. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the fertiliser glut in the country causing serious financial problems to the fertiliser industry Government are still insisting that manufacturers should supply material only to identified districts, thereby preventing supplies to neighbouring areas where seasonal or warehousing constraint are less;

(b) whether Government propose to review the Fertiliser Control Order which is meant to deal with the shortage situation and not with glut situation; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CORPORATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Allocation of urea and Single Super Phosphate from manufacturing units to States are being made district-wise in order to ensure easy availability of these fertilisers to the farmers nearest to the area of consumption. District-wise allocations do not hamper the marketing of any fertiliser company.

(b) Existing Fertiliser Control Order can take care of both glut and shortage situation as it fully empowers the Government to regulate the distribution of fertilisers in a most equitable manner and hence, there is no need to amend the Fertiliser Control Order.

(c) Does not arise.

Deep Sea Fishing

734. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T.R. BALU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantum of fish catches, State-wise, in deep sea fishing during the last year; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to exploit the potential of deep sea fishing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The marine fish landing during 1985-86, State-wise is furnished in the attached statement (*See* below).

Separate data on catch landed by the deep sea fishing vessels are not maintained. However, the contribution of the deep sea fishing sector to the total marine fish landing is estimated at about one percent during the last year.

(b) The following steps have been taken by the Government to exploit the potential of deep sea fishing.

(i) Augmentation of deep sea fishing fleet through a judicious mix of indigenous, imported and chartered fishing vessels.

(ii) Providing 33 per cent subsidy on the cost of indigenously built deep sea fishing vessels.

(iii) Augmentation of fishery surveys.

(iv) Assistance for construction of fishing harbours and landing and berthing facilities at fishing centres;

(v) Regulation of fishing by foreign vessels in the Exclusive Economic Zone through enactment of Maritime Zones of India (Regulation of Fishing by Foreign Vessels) Act 1981.